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Eleventh Annual Wanderer Keel Awards

The Wanderer is once again soliciting nominations for our eleventh annual "Wanderer Keel Awards." The yearly community service honor — which is presented to one resident from each of the three central towns in our circulation area — will be announced in our May 28, 2004 issue and each winner will be the subject of a short feature highlighting their contributions to the local community. But *The Wanderer* needs your help in selecting these "unsung heroes."

The requirements are simple. Nominees must be legal residents of Mattapoisett, Marion, or Rochester (at least five years), and must have contributed in some way

to the overall benefit of the community — either directly to town residents, or indirectly through efforts in promoting town activities, or working to keep the wheels of local government well-oiled. The only restriction is that these persons cannot benefit from their efforts in any other way — either financially or politically (hence, sitting elected officials are not eligible).

In doing this, we hope to applaud those who are rarely recognized for their countless hours of service and focus on the many people "behind the scenes" who remain otherwise anonymous but provide crucial support to many town functions. Like the keel of a ship which keeps the vessel from capsizing, the recipients of the Annual Wanderer Keel Award will be recognized for their



Above: Young artists from Old Hammondtown School in Mattapoisett proudly display their poster designs for the recent "Trees Are Terrific in Cities and Towns" contest. Pictured here (l. to r.) are Jillian Zucco, Abby Zartman, and Jillian Reilly. Another winner, Nick Gray, was not available for the photo. First place winner Abby Zartman's poster has been entered in a state-wide contest. The annual contest is sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to celebrate Arbor Day. Art teachers Diane Perry and Susan Cogliano oversee the annual contest for fifth graders. (Photo by and courtesy of Laura McLean).

On the cover: Members of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen, the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA) Board, and other town officials including the Town Clerk and Town Administrator were on hand this past Tuesday to accept and examine the newly-acquired 2003 model COA handicap-accessible van which was purchased for the town with assistance from Coastline Elderly Services, Inc. According to COA Director Cynthia Paige, the new van meets all Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and can transport up to nine people at a time. The vehicle will be used in addition to the larger capacity Senior Van already in service. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).



Above: Old Hammondtown School fifth grader Jillian Marie Zucco recently won a singing contest sponsored by Cox Communication in Rhode Island. The ten-year-old was one of 60 children competing for the grand prize — a Walt Disney World trip for her and her family. (Photo courtesy of Kelly Zucco).

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• **MARION** – Claire Russell (1994); Ralph and Phyllis Washburn (1995); Annie Giberti (1996); Jay Crowley (1997); Tyler Blethen (1998); Olive E. Harris (1999, posthumously); Kathleen P. "Kay" Reis (2000); Loretta B. "Lori" Schaefer (2001); Ann and Warren Washburn (2002); Andrew Santos Sr. (2003).

• **ROCHESTER** – Joseph McCarthy (1994); Jean Fennell (1995); Katherine Hartley Church (1996); Chris Byron (1997); Albert Alderson (1998); Arthur and Aline Lionberger (1999); Kenneth E. Daggett (2000); Georgia D. Chamberlain (2001); Mary P. Wynne (2002); Evelyn F. Benner (2003).

Please send the name, address and telephone number of recommended nominees, along with a brief description of their key contributions to the community and why you feel they are deserving of this honor to: **Keel Award, The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.** The deadline for nominations is **Friday, May 21, 2004 at 3:00 pm.** Selected recipients will be contacted by

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telephone on Tuesday, May 25 prior to being announced in the May 28 issue. Staff members of *The Wanderer* and employees of Wanderer Communications are not eligible for consideration.

Walt Winner

Mattapoisett Singer Wins Family Trip

Old Hammondtown School fifth grader and Mattapoisett resident **Jillian Marie Zucco** recently returned from Walt Disney World with her family after having won the Disney vacation in a singing contest sponsored by Cox Communications in Rhode Island. Jillian, 10, was one of 60 children between the ages of 8 and 12 competing for the grand prize. Held at the Swansea Mall, the contest was open to children from Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Jillian sang "Cabaret" in the competition.

Jillian is the daughter of Kelly and John Zucco of Mattapoisett. Her nine-year-old brother, Jonathan, was happy to have shared the Disney experience with her.

Eleven-year-old Rochester Memorial School sixth grader **Jillian Jensen** took third place in the contest. She is the daughter of Sharon and James Jensen of Rochester.

Surviving Picasso

Mattapoisett PTA Funds Art Program

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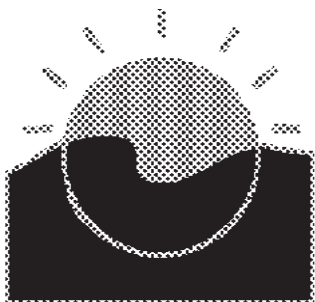
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In the program, "Carlton the Curator" guided the students through a gallery of Picasso's work, explaining the history behind the artwork. Paintings were then brought to life using mime, costumes, and masks! Art teachers Miss Penny and Ms. Cagliano prepared all of the 550 students in both schools for this presentation by

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Legislative Update

Straus Sponsors ALS Amendment

State Representative William Straus (D-Mattapoisett) announced this week that he is lead sponsor of a House Budget Amendment which would direct the state to fund the ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Registry. The Registry was created in the FY04 Budget, but funding was not provided.

ALS is a fatal neuromuscular disease characterized by progressive muscle weakness resulting in paralysis. There is no cure, and 50 percent of all ALS patients die within 18 months of being diagnosed.

The Registry will help the state detect the actual incidence of ALS, possible changes in incidence and possible ALS clusters throughout the state. This information is vital as federal funding is directly tied to the number of patients affected.

"The state has an obligation to make sure it is doing all it can to fight this terrible, devastating disease, and the key element in this fight is to establish an accurate



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number of those affected," Representative Straus said.

"The fundamental reason (for) this Registry is to get an accurate count of those who have ALS because the old number of 5,000 per year is antiquated and is negatively effecting the allocation of federal resources to fight this terrible disease," said Dick Douglas, a Fairhaven resident whose son has ALS.

There is suspicion that the actual incidence of ALS is equal to those of Muscular Dystrophy or Cystic Fibrosis. However, the reason this number is so hard to ascertain is because those afflicted with ALS die so quickly, leading to lower numbers in the population.

The House budget debate was slated to begin on April 26, 2004 and will then proceed to the Senate for further consideration.

Marion Annual Town Meeting

April 26-27, 2004

By Kenneth J. Souza

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Marion was called to order at 6:45 pm on Monday, April 26 in the auditorium of Sippican School by Town Moderator David B. Titus having noted the presence of a quorum of about 325 voters. After a Salute to the Flag and a brief invocation, Mr. Titus introduced the various town officials present and then Finance Committee (FinCom) Chairman A. Lee Hayes, who presented voters with the town's financial outlook for Fiscal Year 2005.

"I thought we'd talk about some rays of sunshine in an otherwise gloomy financial picture," Mr. Hayes said. "During the past year there have been things in town government which are pretty good news. During this budget period all of the operating departments of the town started out by meeting the FinCom's (recommended) 2.6 percent target. Where the (budgets) are over the guidelines ... is due to uncontrollable costs like state

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aid reductions, insurance premiums, (and) stuff like that."

The main bone of contention, according to Mr. Hayes, was the sharp decrease in state aid trickling down to communities like Marion.

"We've got this state aid thing going on here which is really killing us," Mr. Hayes said. "If we had the same level of state aid that we had in 2001 ... we would be receiving \$700,000 more in state aid (this year). That \$700,000 hole we filled with Free Cash and with property taxes. Until the state starts to fill that hole again, we are living with this problem."

As for the near future, the most pressing issues seem to be capital projects. "From 2000 to 2020 we will spend about \$50 million in capital (projects) and we will

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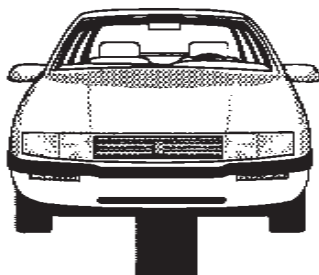
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pay for (that) from 2000 to about 2040," Mr. Hayes said. "By doing these projects as we planned them, we are saving at least another \$35 million. If we were building (Sippican) School now, we would not qualify for the 65 percent reimbursement.

"This is a particularly difficult financial time," Mr. Hayes finished. "It will present huge challenges for the next five years."

That being said, under **ARTICLE 1** voters were asked to approve the following annual compensation for the town's elected officials: \$4,539 for Selectmen; \$4,349 for Assessors; \$1,678 for Board of Health; \$17,504 for Town Clerk; \$26,130 for Treasurer; \$26,130 for Tax Collector; \$220 for Town Moderator (Annual Meeting) and \$73 for Town Moderator (Special Meeting).

"This represents no increase for part-time elected officials," Mr. Hayes said.

Article 1 passed via unanimous vote.

Under **ARTICLE 2**, voters were asked to approve a total \$13.455 million General Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2005.

Although most items garnered supported, voters did question a 28.7 percent increased in legal fees. "The town has tried to hold the line on that legal expense, but it's not realistic," said Town Administrator Jack Dolan.

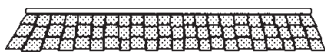
There was also an inquiry as to the 5.7 percent increase in the Fire Department budget. "The lion's share of the increase was due to increased runs last year," Fire Chief Richard Guerzoni said. "It's pretty much all for call firefighter wages."

Another voter questioned increases in the general operating budgets for Sippican School (4.6 percent), Old Rochester Regional High School (6.5 percent), and Upper Cape Cod Technical Regional High School (14.2 percent).

"Over the last three years, we have had a decrease in almost \$80,000 in our Chapter 70 (state) aid," said

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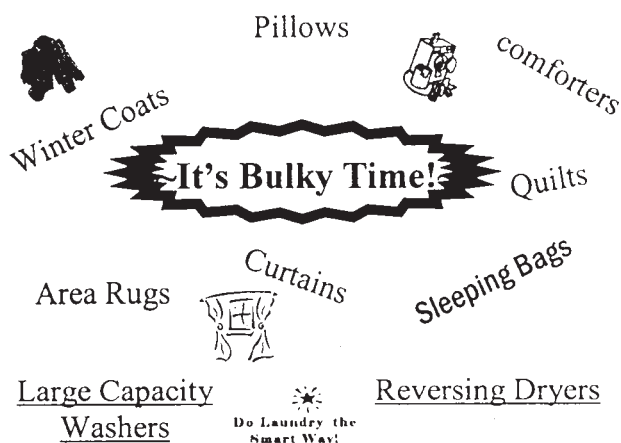
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"Marion's minimum contribution has gone up about \$15,000 as a minimum," added Barry J. Motta, Superintendent for Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical High School. "This year ... it cost us 12 to 15 (staff) positions."

Although many residents seemed to bemoan "the rising tax rate," FinCom Chairman Hayes clarified that Marion's tax rate has only gone up about 4 percent each year on average.

"The assessed values in this town are going through the roof ... the average median house value in 2000 was valued at \$254,000 — now its \$324,000," Mr. Hayes said. "The real story is the tax rate times the value of your house. It hasn't tripled, but it is increasing at something like 7.5 percent per year. When you look at the 351 (cities and towns) in Massachusetts, we're just about in the middle of that median house value."

With that, Article 2 carried via majority vote.

Under **ARTICLE 3**, voters were asked to appropriate \$917,206 to operate a Water Enterprise Fund.

"The town voted a year ago to authorize the creation of enterprise funds and the next step is to ... authorize the cost of doing business," said Town Adminis-

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trator Jack Dolan.

Article 3 carried via majority vote.

Under **ARTICLE 4**, voters were asked to appropriate \$1.211 million to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Article 4 carried via unanimous vote.

Under **ARTICLE 5**, voters were asked to establish a Regional Water Commission District jointly with Fairhaven, Mattapoisett and Rochester.

"We wanted to see if it was feasible for a district to operate — what are the advantages and disadvantages?" said Marion representative Donald Torres. "We're trying to secure sustainable, cost-effective, high quality water supply for our future."

Mr. Torres said the wells located in the Mattapoisett River Valley area all have the same problem: high levels of iron and manganese. It would cost Marion close to \$3.67 million to build its own water treatment facility at their Wolf Island Road site, thereby costing residents about \$79 per year plus operation and maintenance.



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Article 5 required a majority paper ballot vote and was passed, 268 to 31.

Under **ARTICLE 6**, voters were asked to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate \$50,000 to acquire a 187-acre parcel of land in Rochester adjacent to the Mattapoisett River Valley aquifer to protect the water resource.

Article 6 carried unanimously.

Under **ARTICLE 7**, voters were asked to appropriate \$105,000 for the design and permitting of the new water treatment and water supply facility for the Mattapoisett River Valley Regional Water District. "This money is for the design project leading up to the construction of the (regional) water treatment plant," said Donald Torres. "The total cost would be \$700,000 — Marion's share is 15 percent or \$105,000."

"I don't understand the need to bring this Wolf Island (Road) well site online right now," said Bob Bennett. "Can somebody tells us why we're going this way?"

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Article 7 carried by the required 2/3 vote.

Under **ARTICLE 8**, voters were asked to appropriate \$2.3 million to repair three existing drinking water supply tanks and construct a new water tank and associated piping.



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"All three existing tanks — Great Hill, Point Road, and the one next to Evergreen Cemetery — require extensive work costing \$500,000," said Selectman David Pierce. "The proposed new tank will store 400,000 gallons ... and cost \$1.32 million, depending on the site. The final project would replace the existing water main with a new 12-inch main from Main Street to Converse Road."

Adding that "there has been considerable interest in the siting of the new tank," Mr. Pierce said the Board of Selectmen, acting as Water Commissioners, would charge the Water Committee with scheduling a public hearing to find an appropriate location for the new water tank, with a decision to be reached by the middle of June.

"The proposed location for (the new water tank) was a parcel of land in Evergreen Cemetery," said resident Neal Balboni. "In that location, this would be a scar on this community ... for 100 years. The bottom line is, this tower doesn't belong in any residential neighborhood in this town. This is a community that's always prided itself on going the extra yard to get these projects right."

"We strongly oppose locating the water tank in any densely-populated area of Marion," added Debbie Thompson, who presented a petition signed by 125 Marion residents opposing the Evergreen location.

"The tank, with its huge bulb, is going to be viewable from a lot of places way out on the water," said Stuart Richardson. "It's going to be viewable from Route 6. This thing is going to disfigure the Town of Marion if it's put in a residential area."

With that, a motion to table Article 8 indefinitely passed by more than the 2/3 required vote.

Under **ARTICLE 9**, voters were asked to transfer \$5,000 from Free Cash to construct and install a dry hydrant system for the Fire Department.

"If a serious fire takes place in a high demand area, what do we do in the meantime?" asked Fire Chief

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Article 9 carried unanimously.

In other matters, Town Meeting:

- Presented letters of appreciation and recognition from President George W. Bush and State Senator John F. Kerry, among others, to outgoing Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock as she retires after three years with Marion.

"It was a pleasure to work with you and I'll simply say, 'You're a class act,'" said Selectmen Chairman Andrew Jeffrey.

"In every board there is one member who is a pain in the neck, and I happen to be that person," said Selectman David Pierce. "I have appreciated tremendously (your) brilliance, (your) excellent command of local and state law, and (your) counsel."

"I had the perfect person to help me out (during my freshman) year," said Selectman Benjamin Bryant. "I



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think Julia really set the standard for us over the past three years ... thank you so much."

"I want to thank the Selectmen and all of you for giving me the privilege of being Town Administrator here in Marion," Ms. Enroth-Whitlock said. "These last three years have certainly been the most rewarding and best in my career."

- Gave an award of appreciation to longtime volunteer Eunice Manduca for her work on the Conservation Commission, Elderly Housing Committee, Tabor Hall Committee, Housing Partnership Committee, EMT Training, Circulation Committee, and the Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical High School Committee, and the restoration of the stained glass window and lanterns flanking the entrance at Sippican School.

- Presented an award to outgoing Selectman Benjamin Bryant, who is not seeking re-election after a three-year term on the board.

"One of the things I want to say about Ben is that I rarely have seen a member of the Board of Selectmen offering such wisdom and such compassion for the Town of Marion and its people," said fellow Selectman Pierce. "I've appreciated your advice, fellowship and friendship as a member of the board."

"I couldn't ask for somebody to give us better guidance," added Selectman Jeffrey. "Ben was an innovator in many ways. A lot of things we're doing now are a product of Ben's creativity."

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"It has been a pleasure to serve this town ... it was sitting at a Town Meeting like this in 1990 that got me started on this whole thing, so be careful," Selectman Bryant mused.

• Approved the following Special Town Meeting articles within the annual warrant:

ARTICLE S1 to transfer a total \$112,357 from Free Cash to cover the following supplemental budgets: \$40,000 for Legal Counsel; \$61,000 for Public Works/Snow Removal; \$10,000 for Town Insurance; and \$1,357 for Marine Resources Commission;

ARTICLE S2 to transfer \$20,000 from Free Cash to supplement the Sippican School budget;

ARTICLE S3 to transfer \$22,060 from the sale of cemetery lots for cleaning gravestones and the installation of signs; and

ARTICLE S4 to transfer \$10,000 from Free Cash to cover additional costs of repairs to the Island Wharf Pavilion.

At press time, voters were still discussing and debating **ARTICLE 10**, which asked them to appropriate \$3.2 million to design, construct and equip a new Police Station to be located on property donated by Tabor Academy.

"It's a lot of money ... Rochester built (a Police Station) for \$1.7 million," said Jonathan Henry.

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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

April 26, 2004

By Eletha Yeaton

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:50 pm on Monday, April 26 by Acting Chairman Richard Nunes. Also present were Selectman Gary Laboa, Selectman Bradford Morse, Town Administrator James F. Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

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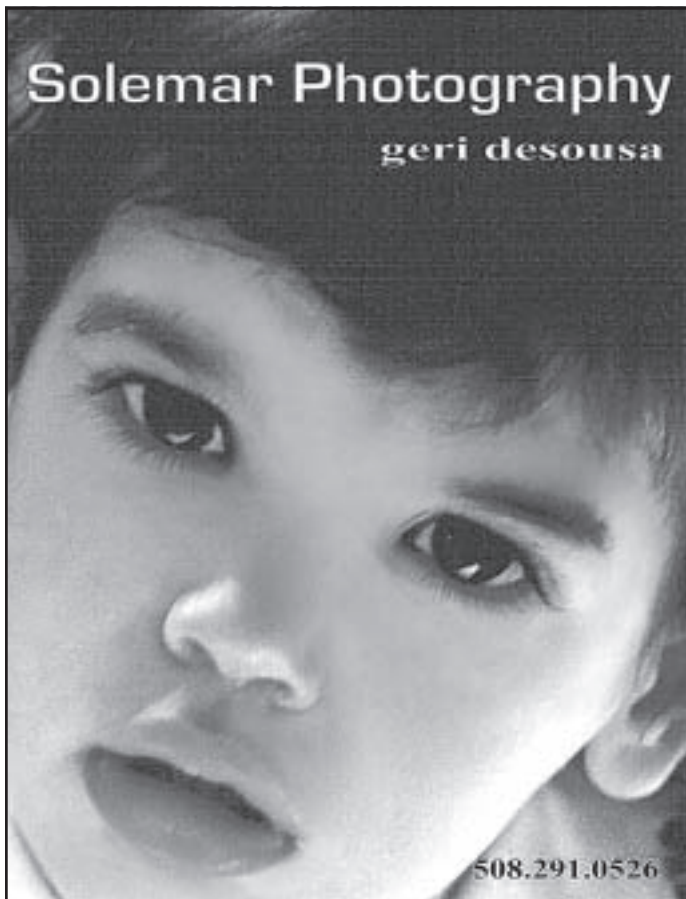
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After the call to order, Selectman Nunes read a statement into the record outlining the past practice of rotating the reorganization of the board in a long-practiced order whereby the senior member on the board would assume chairmanship, the next senior member would become Vice Chairman, and the newest member would serve as Clerk.

"This practice is done so that every member of the board will have the same opportunity to experience the variety of roles that encompass our entire board," Mr. Nunes read. "It promotes unity and team work. It prevents members from being denied the chance to experience new roles and to grow on this board. I did not create this practice, but I have followed it because I believe it is a worthy practice."

Selectman Nunes as the most senior member would continue the practice by serving as Chairman. Selectman Laboa then stated his reasons for having informed his fellow board members that he intended on placing his name for consideration as Chairman even though it was not in the traditional rotation. He is the only one of the three Selectmen who is available every day on a regular basis for dealing with town business. After some discussion by the two Selectmen and some attending residents, Selectman Morse nominated Selectman Laboa for Chairman of the Board. Mr. Laboa seconded the nomination, and the vote carried via majority — two in favor and one opposed.

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Newly-elected Chairman Laboa then called for approval of the minutes of the April 20, 2004 regular Selectmen's meeting. Since Selectman Nunes had not attended that meeting, the vote carried two in favor with one abstention.

At 7:05 pm the board met with the Planning Board concerning the appointment of Robert S. Cummings, 7 Allen Road, to fill a vacancy on the board. All Planning Board members approved the appointment, and the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Cummings.

The next item of business was the report of the Town Administrator who explained that NStar was continuing a survey on all public buildings in Rochester and would complete it in the near future. In addition, Mr. Huntoon is planning an evaluation of all employee cell phones to see if one service for all would be advantageous.

At 7:15 pm the board met with Susan Peterson, Clerk of the Rochester Land Trust, who presented a visual plan of over 400 acres — a purchase for the Mattapoissett River Valley Aquifer Land Protection that would protect the drinking water and protect both sides of the Mattapoissett River. The entire purchase would cost somewhere around \$1.5 million, but the Land Trust is hoping to raise the money in more gradual amounts. For this reason, they wanted the Selectmen to approve the placing of an article on the Annual Town Warrant in June

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seeking \$125,000. They are also asking the towns of Marion and Mattapoissett to each contribute \$25,000 by Town Meeting vote. The Land Trust has met with the Water Commission, but has yet to meet with the Finance Committee (FinCom).

Chairman Laboa remarked that they would have to defend the article at the Town Meeting, but moved that it be placed on the warrant. The vote in favor was unanimous.

At 7:30 pm, the board met with Katherine Church from the Rochester Council on Aging (COA) concerning the status of the second van which is used sporadically. She agreed to bring up the subject at the next COA meeting on Wednesday, May 19 at 9:30 am. Town Admin-

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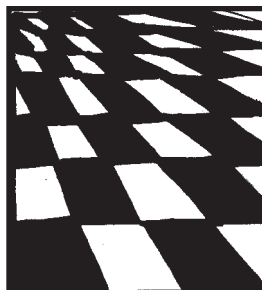
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In addition, Ms. Church informed the board that the COA board feels that the custodian, who works extremely well for them for 19 hours per week, should be upgraded to 20 hours. If the Selectmen and the FinCom approved the increase, they would like to have an article on the Town Meeting warrant to that effect. Chairman Laboa then moved that the Selectmen approve the placement of the article which was unanimously approved by the board.

The board then voted unanimously and signed a voucher for Perry, Hicks, Crotty & Deshaies, LLP, for \$9,608.51. Following this, they signed the entire list of appointments for April 26, 2004.

Under Old Business, the board:

- Receive a letter from the Plymouth County Commissioners urging the Board of Selectmen to drop the Master Health option from the town health benefit options. The FinCom agreed and the Selectmen unanimously voted to drop the Master Health option as recommended.

- Received a report from Police Chief Paul Magee that Officer Cook had agreed to the settlement of his grievance, but was asking that his unused vacation time be carried over to Fiscal Year 2005. A motion was made and approved to carry the vacation time over, and a letter will be sent to Officer Cook.

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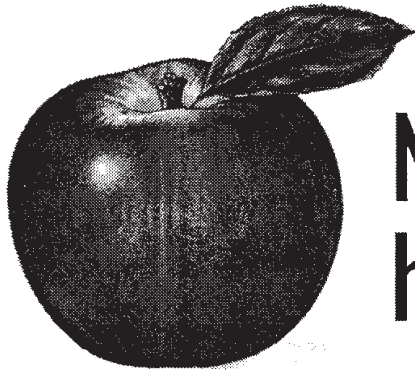


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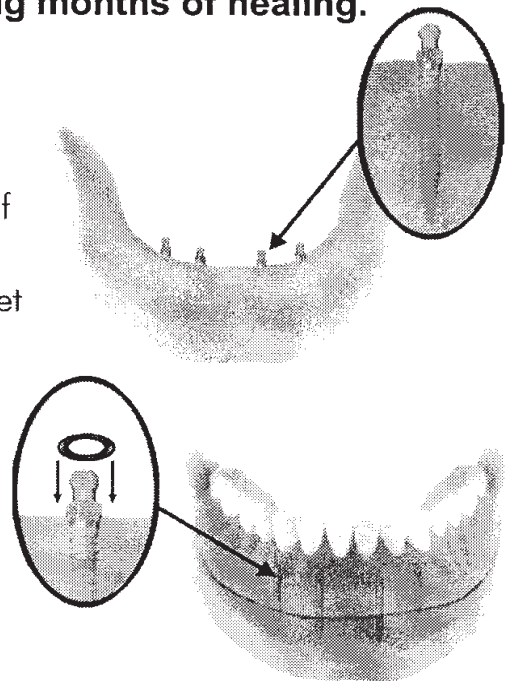
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Under New Business, the board:

- Received a letter from ABC Disposal Service, Inc. concerning a proposed 70 cents per ton fee on residential and commercial trash. They are asking for the support of the board in fighting the DEP's "Trash Tax." A motion was made and carried to send copies of the sample letter to State Senators, Representatives, the Governor, and the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) addressing the issue.

- Asked Town Administrator Huntoon to check with Town Clerk Naida Parker to see if a notice to various appointees concerning the need to be sworn in and a suggested time frame for doing so could be attached to each letter of appointment.

- Received notice from Police Chief Magee regarding training opportunities for police officers, one of which is to take place in May and the other in December.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:00 pm.

Sports Shorts

Mattapoisett Road Race

The 34th running of the **Mattapoisett Road Race** will take place this year on **Saturday, July 3** in deference to the church services in the village which will be held on the traditional July 4 date. The starting time will be 9:00 am and the race will start and finish on Water Street in Shipyard Park. The five-mile race will trek through Mattapoisett Village, out to and round Ned's Point Lighthouse, and back through the village to finish at Shipyard Park. Some 800-plus runners are expected to participate. For more information, please call 508-758-3121.

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Registration is open to all boys and girls, who will be between 4 and 14 years of age by July 31, 2004. You must have the following with you on registration day: a photocopy of your child's *birth certificate*, which they will keep for their records (first-time members only); and the registration fee, which must be paid that day. Fees are \$80 for the first child, \$70 for the second child, \$55 for the third child, and \$40 for the fourth or more children in the same family. Mariner Soccer will accept cash, money order or personal check.

This year's registration fee includes one New England Revolution ticket, professional coaching, shirt, socks and a great season of soccer! There will be a \$20 late fee for *each* child registering after May 31, 2004. Registration closes June 30, 2004. No members will be admitted after this date.

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Mattapoisett Yacht Club

- May - Saturday, May 22: Spring club house commissioning and cookout; Saturday, May 29: Figawi Race Weekend;
- June - Saturday, June 5: Open house - Skippers meeting and Cocktail Party; Sunday, June 6: YMCA Water Front Expo; Saturday, June 12: MYC Spring Round the Bay Race; Wednesday, June 16: 1st Before practice Race; Wednesday, June 23: 2nd Before practice Race; Wednesday, June 30: 1st Race Wednesday Night July Series; Wednesday, June 30: Pizza party after 1st Wednesday Night Race at Clubhouse after race;
- July - Wednesday, July 7: 2nd Wednesday Night July Series race; Wednesday, July 10: Commodore's Pursuit Race and Clamboil at Club; Tuesday, July 13: 1st Tuesday Portsmouth Race; Wednesday, July 14: 3rd Wednesday Night July Series race; Saturday, July 17: Sail for Charity; Wednesday, July 21: 4th Wednesday Night July Series race; Wednesday, July 28: 5th Wednesday Night July Series race; Saturday, July 31: MYC rendezvous at Bassett Island, cookout/cocktail party (BYOB);
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- September - Wednesday, September 1: 5th Race Wednesday Night August Series Race (Cookout at Club-house after last Race); Wednesday, September 8: 1st Series After Race; Saturday, September 11: Quissett Y. C. Round the Bay (1st Sat after Labor day); Wednesday, September 15: 2nd Series After Race; Saturday, September 18: MYC Fall Round the Bay Race; Saturday, September 25: Beverly Y. C. Hurricane Cup; Sunday, September 26: Pig Roast at Henshaws (1:00 pm);

- October - Saturday, October 16: Annual Dinner/ Meeting at Century House (6:00 pm).

For additional information on other MYC events, please visit their website at www.mattapoisettyc.org.

Wareham 5K Road Race

The Second Annual Wareham YMCA 5K Road Race will take place on **Sunday, May 2 at 10:00 am sharp**. The run/walk begins on the Onset Pier and winds through scenic Onset Village. Time and results will be done by J.B. Race with cash prizes for the top three overall male and female runners and awards for runners in a number of categories. The first 300 runners will receive a free "Cool" Dri-Fit T-Shirt. The YMCA will also have a free raffle for participants to win a membership to the new Wareham facility. The pre-entry fee before April 25 is \$15 and \$20 thereafter. Runners may register online at

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Marion Golf Fundraiser

The Sixth Annual Golf Tournament, sponsored by Better Community Living, Inc., will take place on Saturday, May 8 at the Little Marion Golf Club, 10 South Drive in Marion. Tee off time is 1:00 pm, registration starts at 12:30 pm, and the \$30 entry fee includes a free cookout and free Del's Lemonade. The shotgun start/scramble format tournament will award prizes for "closest to the pin" and longest drive. For more information and/or to

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Change is inevitable in any town. If elected as your next selectman, I hope to ensure that change is gradual and works in parallel to preserve why this town is so 'special' to all of us.

With this said, it should be known that I will not support overrides to continually supplement specific departments within Mattapoisett. In hard fiscal times, it is tough to say 'no', however it must start somewhere. This will not only benefit our goal of incremental change, but also aid in achieving and fostering a level of fiscal stability.

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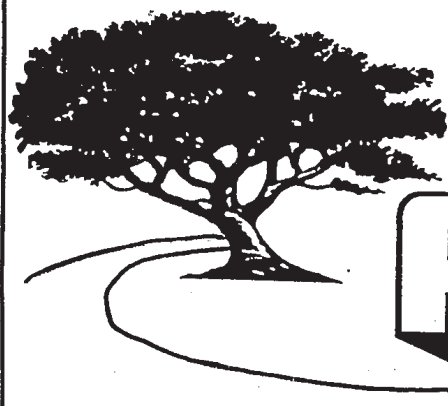
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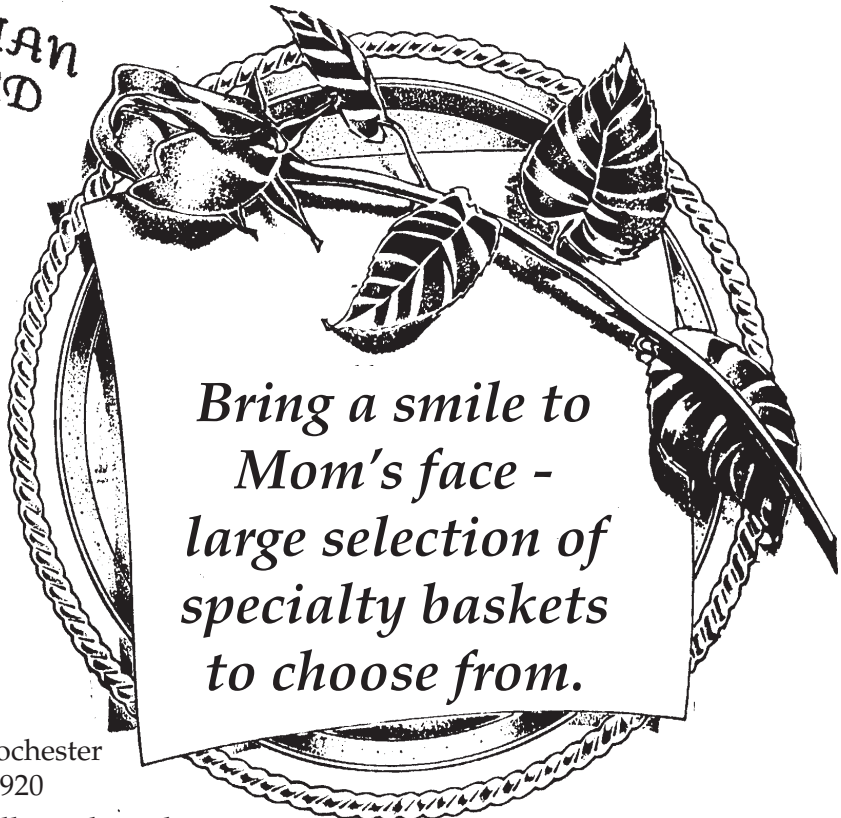
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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The Annual Town Meeting for Mattapoisett is scheduled for Monday May, 10, 2004 at 7:00 pm at the Old Rochester Regional High School auditorium. The meeting will start promptly and will be conducted from night to night on consecutive days until finished. Last year's Annual Town Meeting was completed in two nights and hopefully we can do the same again this year. In the interest of efficiency, please note the following changes in procedure:

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As the parent of a 7th grader at ORR Junior High School, I am extremely interested in the curriculum and overall well being of our system. I know I can make a difference. During twenty plus years as a business manager in the food industry, I have honed my organizational, process development and negotiation skills and have learned how to cooperate with others to make effective decisions. As an ORR School Committee Member, I would apply this experience to represent the interests of all Marion residents, including parents, taxpayers, and concerned citizens.

Since the deadline for being listed on the ballot has past, **I am asking for you to write-in my name as one of your representatives on the ORR School Committee.** I look forward to serving the community in this capacity, and I will work tirelessly on behalf of all of you. Please feel free to email any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely:

Robert A. Nectow
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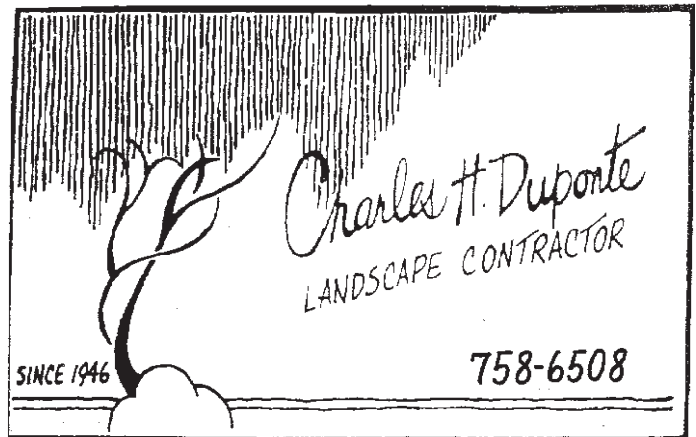
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Anyone who wishes to do a PowerPoint or other audio-visual presentation must meet with the Town Moderator on **Thursday, May 6, 2004 between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm** at Town Hall. If anyone who wants to do a presentation can't make it that evening they must make other arrangements with the Moderator for a meeting that week. The purpose of the meeting is to review the presentation relative to time and to assure the content is limited to the issue before the meeting. The Moderator will not otherwise comment on the content of the presentation nor will he discuss it with others prior to the meeting. The only exception to the above rules will be for the traditional Finance Committee (FinCom) presentation on Town finances. By law, the Moderator has complete control over the meeting and reserves the right to decline to permit presentations.

• **Amendments:** As always, those voters who wish to move to substantively amend warrant articles are strongly encouraged to prepare motions to amend in writing. Voters who intend to offer motions to amend are asked to speak with Town Counsel David Jenkins or Moderator Jack Eklund in advance of Town Meeting or before offering the motion. The reason for this is to avoid taking up meeting time while counsel reviews the language of any motion to assure it is proper. Town Counsel and the Moderator will not discuss the substance of the motion with anyone else prior to its presentation. Those who expect to offer substantive amendments are encouraged to contact Mr. Jenkins at 1-617-257-9584 or at djenkins@k-plaw.com, or to speak with the Moderator at Town Hall on **May 6, 2004 between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm**.

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Sincerely,

John A. Eklund

Mattapoisett Town Moderator

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Marion School Committee, I want to take this opportunity to update the Marion community on the progress of the Playground Task Force, under the able leadership of Jane McCarthy and Kathleen Bost. While the demolition of the old structure has been delayed due to budget restrictions for the Department of Public Works (DPW), it should be coming down shortly. Having the DPW do this work provides significant savings to the project.

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Since this is a town structure, we are required by the State to go through the competitive bidding process. The RFP (Request for Proposals), which is part of this bid process, is currently being advertised and the winning bid should be selected by the School Committee within 6-8 weeks. After that, construction will begin, once all items can be secured and delivered by the vendor selected. As part of this process, we will again be seeking community help — as volunteers in the building itself.

The new playground will be constructed from safe materials — including recycled materials — and will include both school age and toddler appropriate play areas. It will be less dense than the current structure, making parental and school staff supervision an easier task. It will incorporate all the items the students voted for that the Task Force believes are both safe and appropriate. It will conform to all current safety and handicapped accessibility codes.

We believe that the structure will be complete by school opening in the fall, and, if we are very fortunate and timing cooperates, for late summer play.

The School Committee wishes to acknowledge the 300-plus residents who donated. Obviously, we can't list each one of you, but please know without each donation (which ranged

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10:00AM	Resist-A-Ball <small>Instructor: Dana McLeod</small>	Cardio Challenge <small>Instructor: Mark Porter</small>	Resist-A-Ball <small>Instructor: Dana McLeod</small>	Step & Pump <small>Instructor: Mark Porter</small>	Hatha Yoga <small>Instructor: Patricia Gualbelli</small>	Cardio Challenge <small>Instructor: Mark Porter</small>
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4:30PM						
5:00PM	*(5:15) Street Dance <small>Instructor: Michael Porter</small>		Yoga Fit (lite) <small>Instructor: Melissa Cobb</small>	*(5:15) Street Dance <small>Instructor: Michael Porter</small>	Rebounding <small>Instructor: Laurie Fernandes</small>	
6:00PM	Aerobics 20/20/20 <small>Instr. Christine Davison</small>	G.I. Jane <small>Instructor: Mark Porter</small>	Rebounding <small>Instructor: Laurie Fernandes</small>	Cardio Caliente* <small>Instructor: Mark Porter</small>		
7:00PM	KickFit <small>Instructor: Derek DeCosta</small>	Aerobics <small>Instr. Christine Davison</small>	Art of Belly Dance <small>Instr. Satya</small>	KickFit <small>Instr. Derek DeCosta</small>		

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from \$3 to \$5,000), we could never have made this happen for our children. The School Committee also wishes to acknowledge the members of the Playground Task Force who have been generous, hard working, and insightful.

In addition to Jane and Kathleen, we sincerely thank Cecily Balboni, Tim Crowley, Jennifer Diglaw, Sis Durkee, Kelly Kelleher, Karen Kevelson, Terence Lee, Eunice Manduca, Cathy Mariner, Patrick McBride, Susan Noonan, Peg Nowick, David Pierce, Will Saltonstall, Jean Sudduth, Shaun Walsh. Additionally, we want to acknowledge the school administration who has helped every step of the way.

Sincerely,

Susan S. Grosart, Chairman

Marion School Committee

To the Editor:

As you know, Marylou Hobson, Principal of Sippican School since 1990, will be retiring this June. Plans are underway to honor her for her service to the children and the community of Marion. As part of the celebration, there will be a public reception in the Sippican School auditorium at 16 Spring Street on Friday, June 4 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Lemonade and cookies will be served.

Ms. Hobson has asked that in lieu of gifts, a Children's Garden be created in front of the school. It will be a quiet haven for reading or resting near the large tree between the Elizabeth Taber Library and the Spring Street entrance. Susannah Davis, noted Marion landscape designer, will be helping with the plans. We envision a small space with a couple of benches and some plantings. It has long been Ms. Hobson's wish to create such a space of quiet reflection to remember all of the children who have passed through Sippican School during her time here in Marion. Additionally, there will be a marker to remember the four Sippican students who passed away during Ms. Hobson's tenure as Principal, all of whom are still held in memory in the hearts of our entire school community.

We invite you most cordially to attend the public reception for Marylou on June 4 and to stop by to wish her well in her retirement. If you wish to contribute to the construction of the Children's Garden, donations may be sent to the "Marylou S.

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Sincerely,

Susan S. Grosart, Chairman
Marion School Committee

To the Editor:

In Mattapoissett some of our Selectmen have declared
that they will never support an override and that we must have
zero increases in budgets. We are in danger here of having
slogans confuse our thinking and displace the facts.

The "no overrides" slogan implies that any property
tax increase over 2-1/2 percent is somehow unreasonable. In
fact, proposition 2-1/2 may be useful as a way to give voters
more control over spending, but the 2-1/2 percent number is
arbitrary and does not keep up with inflation. All town costs —
competitive salaries, health care costs, utilities — tend to go up
by more than this, but so too do taxpayers' salaries, property
values, investments, even social security checks and in many
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version of this slogan.

Some history is instructive. Proposition 2-1/2 was

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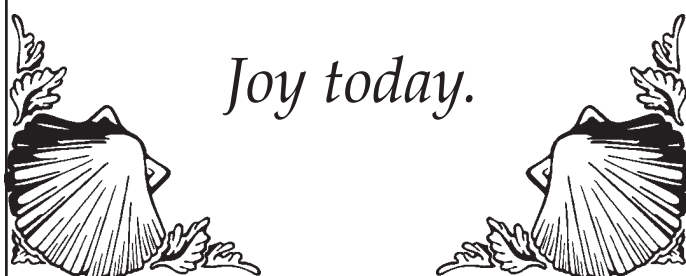
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Overrides are important and should be carefully considered. But we will have to pass some. Please listen to the arguments in favor of each one and do not be taken in by a slogan.

Sincerely,
 Paul Milde
 Mattapoisett

To the Editor:

What we saw from the Mattapoisett Selectmen's meeting of April 12, 2004 disturbed us greatly. We are extremely concerned that the taxpaying citizens of Mattapoisett may not be allowed to make a choice in how our money is spent and if and how budgetary policy follows through on our priorities.

We understand that the Selectmen are all working hard to see that the town of Mattapoisett does not incur unnecessary expense and we thank them for their efforts on our behalf. As

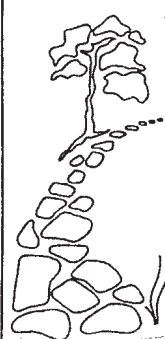
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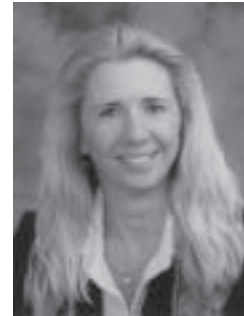




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always, and especially in challenging economic times, balancing the needs and desires of the taxpayers and the restrictions of current and future funds is a difficult task.

As required, all of the town departments have provided budgets for ongoing expenses. Because of the extraordinary costs associated with completion of (Center) School renovations, the budget from the school committee and the superintendent included money that was previously not budgeted in order to open the renovated multi-use Center School facility for the town next fall. In addition to providing the space to educate our town's children in grades pre-K through 3, the facility would provide space for the senior center as well as house the town library during the renovation of its own building.

It was suggested that the funds for this should either be taken from the remaining, very lean operating budget of the schools to keep the increase below the 2.5 percent level, or that they not be allocated at all, leaving Center School unopened. The needs, desires, and priorities of the taxpayers of Mattapoisett who rely on and benefit from the breadth, depth, and quality of the educational experience at our schools, and who had supported a renovated multi-use school facility at the Center School site are not met by either of these options. Taking the funds from the remaining budget would decimate the existing school programs which are already feeling the effects of cuts that have been made in recent years.

It was also suggested that the Board of Selectmen would not support an over-ride vote to allow the taxpayers of Mattapoisett to decide whether to resolve this issue by accepting the higher school budget. During the Selectmen's meeting, there was lengthy discussion about the increased budget required to re-open Center School as originally planned. No answer, however, was given to the question that was asked regarding



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how much it would cost the town to allow the facility to sit unopened. There was also no discussion of whether state funds used in the renovation would have to be repaid by the town if the facility were not opened as a school, or if its opening were delayed. Before refusing to support the taxpayer's chance to choose to accept the budget allowing planned use of the facility, it seems imperative that the Board of Selectmen should fully understand the ramifications of that refusal.

When the issue of whether and how to renovate the Center School facility was previously brought to the taxpayers of Mattapoisett, it was decided by taxpayer vote to develop and retain the site as a multi-use school facility. Considerable effort, labor, and funds on the part of many people have been invested in following through on this decision. The least that can be done now is to allow the taxpayers of Mattapoisett to choose, via override, if necessary, if that is still what best meets their needs,

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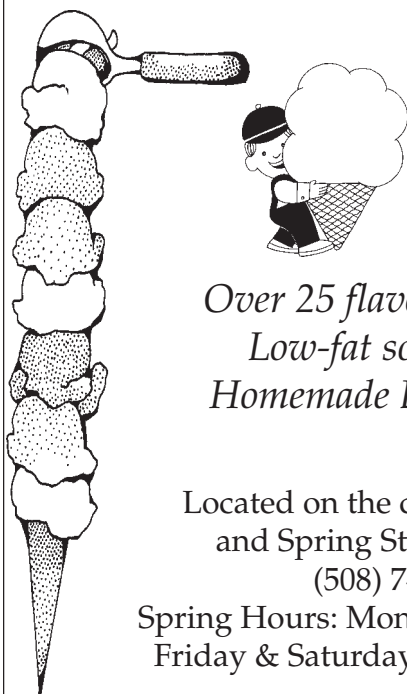
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Henry Buckley Smith, Jr., 54

Homosassa, FL – Henry Buckley Smith, Jr., 54, died at home on Wednesday, April 14, 2004. He was born in Rochester, the son of the late Henry Buckley Smith and Annie (Jeanette) Provance. He is the husband of Elaine Smith of Homosassa. A well-known jeweler in the Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester area, Mr. Smith owned and operated Smith and Neil Jewelers in Wareham for many years and subsequently moved the business to Mattapoisett under the name H.B. Smith Jeweler.

A 1967 graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School, he attended the Stockbridge School of Agriculture and the University of Massachusetts after high school. In 1969 he came back to New Bedford to take over the family business then known as Jewelers Service. He studied for several years and became a Graduate Gemologist. He closed the business and retired to Florida in July of 2003. He also owned and operated the Circle M Ranch in Middleboro where he enjoyed riding horses with his family and working around his farm.

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Condolences may be sent to his son Matthew Smith at 313A 57th Avenue, Drive, East Bradenton, FL 34207. Contributions may be made to the Rochester Land Trust in Mr. Smith's memory. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be announced at a later date.



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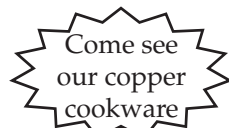
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ORR Parents Association

The Old Rochester Regional Parents Association (ORRPA) will meet for its May meeting on Wednesday, May 5 at 7:00 pm in the ORR High School Library. This month's presentation will be given by School Resource Officer (SRO) Mitch Suzan of the Mattapoisett Police Department. Officer Suzan will discuss the laws of the JOL (Junior Operators License). Many parents do not



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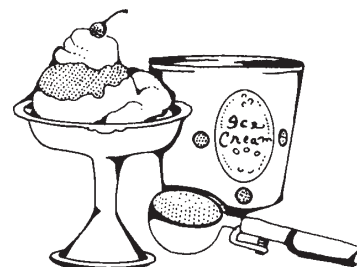
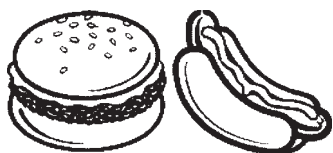
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Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers

The Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers will host a mainstream-plus level square and round dance on Saturday, May 1 from 8:00 to 10:30 pm at the Acushnet Council on Aging (COA) Hall, South Main Street in Acushnet. For more information, please call 508-992-9464 or 508-947-9602.

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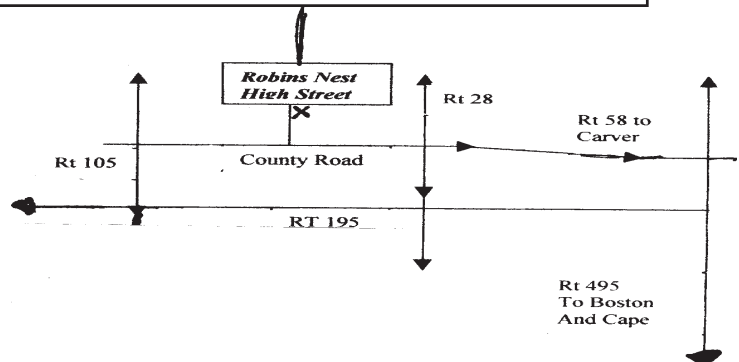


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The program will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 3 in the Plumb Library. Please call the library at 508-763-8600 for more information or to register for this program, as space is limited.

Art Display

Artwork by local artist Renee Ouellette is being featured at the library through June. Ms. Ouellette's work expresses the essence of the verse of aphorism utilizing vivid colors, lively movement, and unusual shapes and forms. Anyone interested in displaying their work in the coming months should contact Olivia Melo, Library Director, at 508-763-8600.

TGIF Reading

The TGIF Reading Program is a read-aloud program geared for ages 7-10. The group will meet at the library the first and third Friday of each month from 3:15 to 4:00 pm for reading and a light snack. TGIF book selections will be read by Michele Tapper-Racine, the newly-hired Children's Library Assistant. Registration is required and sign-ups can be done in person or over the phone (508-763-8600).

Youth Book Discussion

The Youth Book Discussion Group is the other new initiative being offered for Grades 5-8 at the Plumb Memorial Library. This group will meet on the last Thursday of each month at the library for a "snack and chat" about that month's book selection from 6:30 to 7:15 pm. Selections will be posted at the library and copies of the book will be available for checkout. The book selection will be made from the "Green Dot List" established by the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School. Members are asked to read the monthly selection and come ready to discuss the book. All opinions, ideas and feelings are



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The group is limited to six students and sign-ups are required. Please contact the library for more information or to sign-up. The Plumb Memorial Library is open Monday and Thursday, 1:00 to 8:00 pm; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Friday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. You can either call (508-763-8600) or e-mail them at info@plumblibrary.com.

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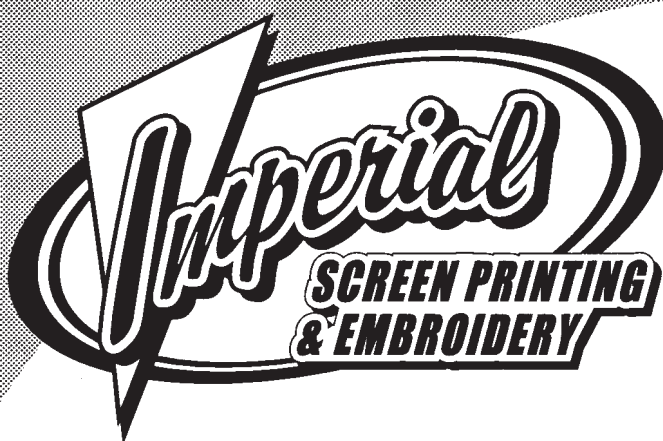


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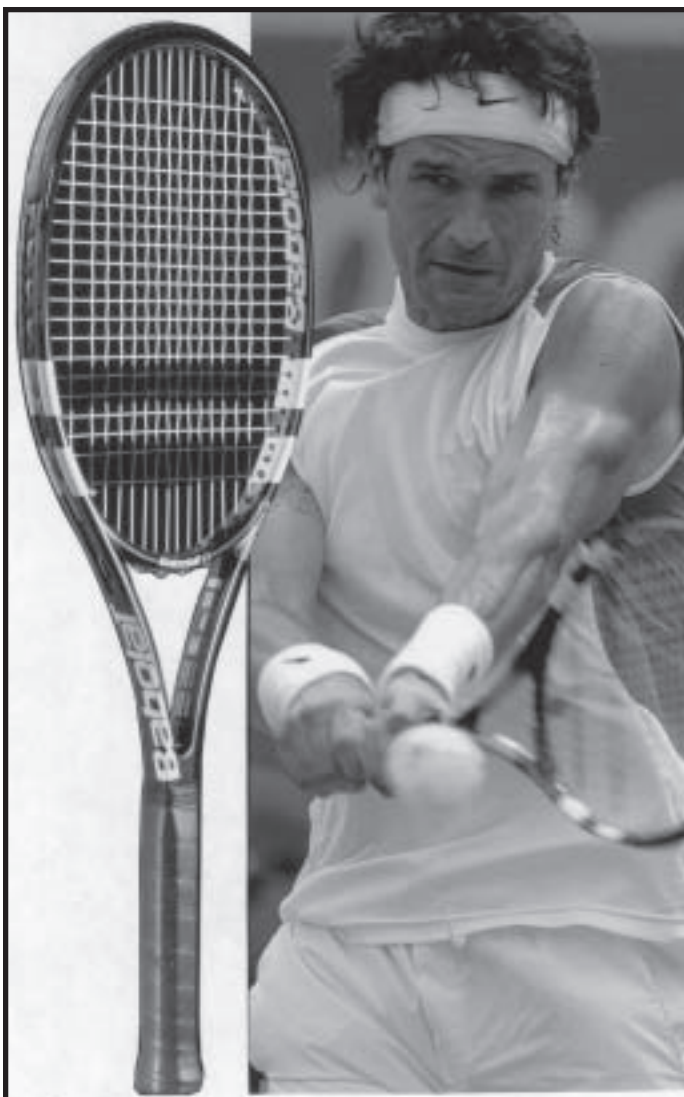
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This edition includes stories, poems, photographs, and newspaper articles. It features a special tribute to the Rochester Fire Department, and some poignant memories from the Rounseville family. Readers can enjoy contributions from Arthur Lionberger, Judy Gurney, Muriel Hartley and Judy MacKinnon, Barbara Besse, Fred Randall, Jane Hinchcliffe Schotland, and many others. The book includes memories from the past two centuries. It was compiled and edited by former Library Director Lucy Loomis and printed by the students at the Offset Printing Department at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Proceeds from the sale of the book will benefit the Friends of the Plumb Memorial Library. The Friends use the proceeds to improve library services and sponsor library programs. To get your copy, stop by the Plumb Library on Route 105 in Rochester, or call the library at 508-763-8600.

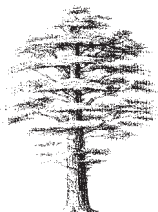
Library Contact

If you have any questions on these or any events at the Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester, please call 508-763-8600 during regular business hours: Monday and Thursday, 1:00 to 8:00 pm; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Friday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Marion Housing Bill

The state legislature's Joint Committee on Housing and Urban Development has given initial approval for the Marion Homes Program this week in committee action on Beacon Hill. The committee vote came immediately following a public hearing on the measure which had been offered by State Representative William Straus and State Senator Marc Pacheco.

Testifying in the State House hearing were Representative Straus, Marion Selectman Benjamin Bryant, and local Housing Committee Chairman Stuart Richardson. The program will allow the town to offer real



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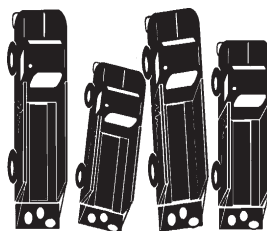
estate tax exemptions for participating homeowners in exchange for limiting the resale price of the property at affordable limits. This will assist the town in maintaining its historic and diverse character, while satisfying affordable housing needs for the elderly and low-income residents.

"I am pleased that the committee recognized the town's hard work and dedication in addressing the growing issue of affordable housing for our townspeople," Representative Straus said.

Without this program, Marion is in danger of losing established residents while failing to attract new diverse citizens.

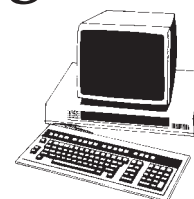
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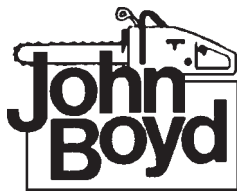
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"The Marion Homes Program is one of a number of initiatives that Marion is using to address affordable housing and we are committed to reaching the 10 percent goal set by the state," added Marion Selectman Benjamin Bryant. "The Marion Homes Program helps current homeowners who are in danger of losing their homes due to rising property taxes."

Mattapoisett Comedy Night

The Mattapoisett Lions Club is sponsoring a Family Night of Comedy on Saturday May 15 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. The doors will open at 6:30 pm. There will be a cash bar, food, snacks and refreshments. There will also be a 50/50 raffle drawing at intermission. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, children under 5 are admitted free, and a family can enter for a total \$25 donation. Advance tickets may be obtained by calling Mike at 508-615-7926.

This show is an all ages event, with professional, *family-oriented comedy*.

Your host for the evening is Mr. Ted Barrett of Ted Barrett Productions, and was recently featured in *The Boston Globe* for his comedy fundraising specialties. This show is for the benefit of the Mattapoisett Boy Scout Troop #53, and other Lions Club charities.

The show features Mike Koutrobis, clown, comedian, musician, and actor. Mike has worked the club and college circuit all over New England, and has appeared at the Comedy Connection in Boston and Caroline's in New York with performers such as Steve Sweeney, Lenny Clark, and Anthony Clark, to name a few. Mike is a graduate of the Ringling Brothers Circus Clown School, and will entertain all with his high energy and character impersonations, as seen in his costarring role in *The Larry Lee Lewis Show of Shows*.

The headliner for the evening is Mr. Teddy Bergeron. A local and national talent, Teddy has multiple appearances on *The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson*, *Late Night with David Letterman*, and the *Conan O'Brien Show*. Teddy has had an HBO comedy special, and has worked on cruise lines and at corporate functions for over ten years. His act is best described as "Astonishingly funny and amazingly clean, both, at the same time."

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The cast will feature 21 fifth and sixth grade students, a technical crew of seven fifth and sixth graders, and will be directed by Danni Kleiman. The set designer is Jody Church, with costumes by Kate Tarleton and Marjorie Strutski. Stage Manager is Karen DellaCloppa.

The RMS Drama Club has previously presented *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (1988); *The Taming of the Shrew* (1989); *Romeo and Juliet* (1990); *Arsenic and Old Lace* (the only non-Shakespeare production, 1991); *Twelfth Night*


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Girl Scout Registration

The time to select your fall 2004 Girl Scout troop is now! Registration events for new Girl Scouts as well as re-registration events for current members will be happening in 71 cities and towns throughout southeastern Massachusetts in May. To find out more about the events in your town, go to www.gscsm.org, click on "Joining," then "Becoming a member," or call Girl Scout Council of Southeastern Massachusetts' Membership Hotline at 1-800-242-0925, extension 48.

The Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester Girl Scouts will be holding sign-ups on **Tuesday, May 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm** at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett.

To save time at the event, follow the website directions for printing out your own registration form ahead of time, then bring it, along with a check for the \$10 national membership fee made payable to GSCSM, and be in and out in no time! Blank forms will be available at all events.

Girl Scouts welcome girls ages 4-17, meet weekly in community buildings and are guided by caring women and men volunteers of all ages. Troop volunteers work in teams and receive training and on-going support. Adult volunteers network with others, learn and share skills, gain valuable resume-building experiences and develop lasting friendships. To learn more about these and other shorter-term volunteer opportunities, call Marcia Picard at 1-800-242-0925, extension 41.

Mattapoisett Aviator Honored

David Frawley of Mattapoisett has been chosen to receive the prestigious Presidential Award from the Aero Club of New England, the oldest aero club in the Americas.

The award will be given to Mr. Frawley in honor of his significant regional, national and global contributions to aviation at a ceremony on Thursday, April 29 at the Sheraton Lexington Hotel in Lexington, MA.

Mr. Frawley is a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) pilot examiner and flight instructor and probably one of the most highly certificated flight instructors in the world today. He has flown a multitude of aircraft and is often called upon to others parts of the world to check out pilots on aircraft unfamiliar to other check pilots because of his familiarity with all types of aircraft from antique to modern day planes.

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13 Going on 30. Starring Jennifer Garner and Mark Ruffalo. Directed by Gary Winick. Running time: 100 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13.

Jennifer Garner, for all I know, may have demonstrated a deft comic touch in her many guises on the popular spy show *Alias* (haven't seen it, wouldn't know). In movies, she has typically been employed as the hottie-in-residence; her biggest prior role was the athletic assassin Elektra in *Daredevil*. But in *13 Going on 30*, her first starring vehicle, Garner comes into her own as a spirited light comedienne. The story is essentially a distaff *Big*, with a few alterations, but it's a friendly, giggly movie, closer in tone to *Romy and Michele's High School Reunion* and the other '80s-flavored comedies of the late '90s. I saw girls leaving the screening who weren't even born yet when "Love Is a Battlefield," one of the film's central nostalgia trips, was big. Made me feel old.

Garner's character, Jenna, feels old, too. In 1987, her teenage self (played by Shana Dowdeswell), in the midst of a hellish thirteenth birthday, wishes she were thirty (she's seen a magazine article declaring that thirtysomethings have more fun). Sprinkled with some magic "wishing dust," Jenna wakes up in 2004, in an adult body, and in the bed she sometimes shares with a hockey player. It's as if Jenna is transported seventeen years into the future, without any knowledge of how she came to be there — how'd she get to be a magazine editor, for instance? Since Jenna is thirty on the outside and thirteen on the inside, her situation has many levels of disorientation. After some fumbling, though, she deals with it.

Those of us who were actually there will note that the film's '80s soundtrack is a bit out of sync: In 1987, both "Love Is a Battlefield" and Jenna's other big number, Michael Jackson's "Thriller," were so five years ago, and when Jenna's best friend Matt plays a Talking Heads tune and no one recognizes it, you wonder where they've been — it's "Burning Down the House," man. Still, the scene in which grown-up Jenna livens a dull party by requesting "Thriller," happily leading a bunch of thirtysomethings in the goofily iconic zombie dance, ranks right up there with



Cameron Diaz's bubbly white-girl moves to "Baby Got Back" in the first *Charlie's Angels*. A radiant woman looking like she's having the time of her life makes up for a lot of inconsistencies in both soundtrack and narrative.

Jenna runs into the grown Matt (Mark Ruffalo), now a photographer, and for a while the movie goes a little soft. The script brings up the issue of how Jenna had been behaving up until her teen self claimed her body, and the picture isn't pretty; we also learn that she was cruel to Matt back in '87, and that they haven't spoken in years. Mark Ruffalo knows he's the standard-issue Nonthreatening Male here (he probably agreed to it to avoid being typecast as the Threatening Male after *In the Cut*), but he comes at the romance sideways, crablike, suspicious of Jenna's motives after all this time but warming to her slowly, and Garner, playing off his reticence, gets to play teenage yearning quite becomingly.

The scenes at Jenna's magazine office (with a de-Gollumized Andy Serkis in fine harried form as her editor-in-chief) fall just this side of persuasive; I'm not convinced, as the script apparently is, that Jenna's aw-shucks concept for the magazine's redesign would go over so huge with her supervisors, nor that a rival mag would find it hot enough to steal. But *13 Going on 30* isn't about that, anyway; it's about a thirty-year-old bouncing on a bed to Pat Benatar and confiding to a group of thirteen-year-olds about boys, or eating ice cream and happily sharing it with a dog in the park, or going to visit Matt on his wedding day and weeping as she holds the gift he gave her on her thirteenth birthday. Mainly, it's about Jennifer Garner redesigning herself for romantic comedy, for which, I now know, she has a natural affinity.

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Connie and Carla (PG-13) – Fri: 3:35, 6:50, 9:00; Sat: 1:10, 3:35, 6:50, 9:00; Sun: 1:10, 3:35, 6:50; Mon-Thu: 3:35, 6:50
Ella Enchanted (PG) – Fri: 3:45, 6:45, 8:50; Sat: 1:20, 3:45, 6:45, 8:50; Sun: 1:20, 3:45, 6:45; Mon-Thu: 3:45, 6:45
Good Bye, Lenin! (R) – Fri: 3:15, 6:35, 8:55; Sat: 12:40, 3:15, 6:35, 8:55; Sun: 12:40, 3:15, 6:35; Mon-Thu: 3:15, 6:35
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Laws of Attraction (PG-13) – 1:20, 3:20, 5:15, 7:25, 9:25
Godsend (PG-13) – 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:45
Mean Girls (PG-13) – 1:05, 3:15, 5:20, 7:20, 9:30
Man on Fire (R) – 1:10, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00
Connie & Carla (PG-13) – 1:10, 3:25
Johnson Family Vacation (PG-13) – 5:25, 7:25, 9:30
Ella Enchanted (PG) – 7:15
Walking Tall (PG-13) – 7:30, 9:30
Home on the Range (PG) – 1:05, 3:00
Scooby Doo 2 (PG) – 1:05, 3:05, 5:05
Hellboy (PG-13) – 4:45, 9:40
Kill Bill, Vol. 2 (R) – 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
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Laws of Attraction (PG-13) – 2:00, 4:05, 7:20, 9:20
13 Going on 30 (PG-13) – 1:40, 4:15, 7:15, 9:20
Man on Fire (R) – 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50
The Punisher (R) – 7:10, 9:40
Kill Bill, Vol. 2 (R) – 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50
Scooby Doo 2 (PG) – 1:45, 3:50
Ella Enchanted (PG) – 7:25
Home on the Range (PG) – 1:30, 3:15
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Thursday, May 6 – *Mother's Day Dinner*: Roast pork, oven roast potatoes, peas with mushrooms, whole wheat roll, strawberry shortcake, graham wafer.

Friday, May 7 – Baked cheese lasagna, Italian blend vegetables, multi-grain roll, peaches in light syrup.

• CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, May 3 – Hot dog on a roll, turkey sub, lettuce/tomato, smile fries, pickle

spear, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, May 4 – Chicken pattie/roll, Steak'Um, lettuce/tomato, veggie sticks, potato puffs, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, May 5 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, May 6 – Cheese pizza, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, May 7 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.

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Monday, May 3 – Hot dog on a roll, turkey sub, lettuce/tomato, smile fries, pickle spear, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, May 4 – Chicken pattie/roll, Steak'Um, lettuce/tomato, veggie sticks, potato puffs, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, May 5 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, May 6 – Cheese pizza, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, May 7 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.

• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, May 3 – Chicken pattie, French fries, carrots, cranberry sauce, pears, pudding.

Tuesday, May 4 – Grilled hot dogs, chili, baked beans, potato chips, peas, fruit, marble cake.

Wednesday, May 5 – Orange juice, turkey club sandwich, hash brown pattie, green beans, cookie.

Thursday, May 6 – Soft taco, chicken fajita, tortilla chips, corn, salsa, chocolate cake.

Friday, May 7 – Seafood salad, pizza, pretzels, mixed vegetables, assorted dessert.

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Monday, May 3 – Hot dog on a roll, turkey sub, lettuce/tomato, smile fries, pickle spear, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, May 4 – Chicken pattie/roll, Steak'Um, lettuce/tomato, veggie sticks, potato puffs, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, May 5 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, May 6 – Cheese pizza, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, May 7 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.

• ORR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, May 3 – Soup, French toast, McCrispy chicken, sausage, hash browns, warm apple slices, strawberries, juice or milk.

Tuesday, May 4 – Soup, chicken pattie, oven potato puffs, hot dog, lettuce/tomato, pickle, dessert, juice or milk.

Wednesday, May 5 – Soup, spaghetti with meat sauce, BBQ ribs, romaine salad, garlic bread, dessert, juice or milk.

Thursday, May 6 – Soup, beef taco, pepperoni pocket, lettuce/tomato, nachos, cheese sauce, dessert, juice or milk.

Friday, May 7 – HALF DAY: Muffins, bagels, fruit, juice or milk.

• SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, May 3 – Hot dog on a roll, turkey sub, lettuce/tomato, smile fries, pickle spear, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, May 4 – Chicken pattie/roll, Steak'Um, lettuce/tomato, veggie sticks, potato puffs, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, May 5 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, May 6 – Cheese pizza, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, May 7 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.



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Peace Corps Week

The eighth grade students at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School received a first-hand account of life in another country on Thursday, March 4 as part of National Peace Corps Week (March 1-5). During Peace Corps Week, thousands of former Peace Corps volunteers teach Americans and the world that they value and

respect each other's cultures by helping to eradicate the ignorance that fosters hatred, anger, hostility and violence. The Peace Corps' promotion of diversity as an integral part of American culture strengthens the American spirit both at home and abroad.

Three former volunteers made presentations to the students at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School. Maria Mute, currently a law school student at Northeastern, shared her experiences as a volunteer in Jordan from 2000-2002. Evelyn Koran, a financial planner for the Boston South Financial Group, gave a presentation to students on her experiences as a volunteer in the Cape Verdean islands from 1995 to 1997. In addition, Kelly Ochoa, a Spanish teacher at ORR Junior High School,

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INNER VIEWS

Games People Play

By Kenneth J. Souza

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Like many people, I enjoy passing the time with an entertaining round of cards. I've become quite a fan of a particular card game called *Phase 10*. The game is made by the same company which foisted the dreaded *Uno!* onto us a few years back, and like that often-maddening game, it offers players the opportunity to alternately use a "skip" card against another player as a strategic means of getting ahead.

But what I've learned from experience is players sometimes don't necessarily use the "skip" card wisely or effectively. Instead of saving it for a more opportune time, they often will slap it down vengefully as a means of getting back at someone for skipping them, thereby risking a chance at winning the hand in the end.

Of course, the running of a small-town government like that in Rochester should never be confused with a recreational game of cards — *not even high-stakes poker!* But in the interest of calling a spade a spade, if you'll pardon the pun, I fear the recent "re-organization" of the Rochester Board of Selectmen this past week was a grossly unfair and uncharacteristic maneuver which trumped senior board member Richard Nunes out of his chances for serving as chairman.

By contrast, Marion has always rotated the chairmanship of its Board of Selectmen to the most senior member — a trend which I think has given each of the three sitting officials a chance to preside over meetings and deal with different issues as warranted. And although for quite a stretch the Mattapoissett Chairman's seat was repeatedly occupied by long-time Selectman John "Jack" DeCosta, they have since opted to employ the rotating model, too — a move I applaud and view as not only beneficial to the smooth governing of the town, but also just as a matter of fairness and equity to the individual board members.

Not so in Rochester this week, though.

Newly-elected Selectman Brad Morse nominated second-year veteran Selectman Gary Laboa to be chairman and the measure passed, 2 to 1.

In a statement to his fellow board members, Selectman Richard Nunes argued:

It has been the tradition or the practice of the Board of Selectmen to rotate the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Clerk positions among its members. Typically, the most junior member of the board will act as Clerk. The member with the next highest seniority serves as Vice Chairman. The most senior member of the board acts as Chairman.

The practice is done so that every member of the board will have the same opportunity to experience the variety of roles that encompass (the) entire board ... it promotes unity and team work ... it prevents members from being denied the chance to experience new roles and to grow on this board. I did not create this practice, but I have followed it because I believe it is a worthy practice.

I couldn't agree more.

It simply makes sense that with three sitting Selectmen, each with a three-year term, the rotation of duties affords each a chance to serve as alternately Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Clerk — even if only elected to a single term of office. As it stands now, if Mr. Nunes is not re-elected next year, he will have been cheated out of his sole opportunity to chair the Board of Selectmen.

And for what reason? Selectman Laboa, who opted to circumvent this "past practice" by seeking the chairmanship out of turn, is said to be more readily available to conduct town business during the week. An interesting notion, but then, praytell, *why is the town paying for a full-time Town Administrator?* Isn't it *his* job to supervise the day-to-day operations of the town in the Selectmen's absence?

Having played by all the rules, after having the carrot dangled before him and, in keeping with the ever-popular "past precedent" (a favorite phrase of *all* Selectmen), Richard Nunes should rightfully have been elected Selectmen Chairman in his third year on the board. Period.

Only the two other guys at the table played their "skip" cards too quickly and, in turn, may have tipped their hands.



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Local Police Logs

MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of April 18, 2004 through April 24, 2004:

- Sparrow Lane – noise complaint
- Front Street – assist other police department
- Parkway Lane – animal complaint
- Point Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Silvershell Beach – found property
- Delano Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Island Wharf Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Delano Road – lost property
- Delano Road – operating under the influence
- Route 195 East – adult arrest (warrant, default)
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road – adult arrest (operating under the influence of liquor: third offense, failure to stop for police, excessive noise, resisting arrest)
- Patridge Place – suspicious motor vehicle
- Front Street – animal complaint
- Point Road – animal complaint
- Boxberry Way – fireworks complaint
- Wareham Road – armed robbery
- Route 195 West – suspicious activity
- Wareham Road – assist other police department
- Route 105 – assist other police department
- County Road – motor vehicle accident/fatal
- Wareham Road – suspicious activity
- Front Street – officer wanted
- Wareham Road – larceny/past
- Benson Brook Road – officer wanted
- Wareham Road – larceny/past
- Point Road – suspicious motor

vehicle

- Wareham Road – suspicious activity
- Front Street – animal complaint
- County Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Point Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- West River Road – family offense
- Front Street – parking violation
- Rezendes Terrace – animal complaint
- Allen Street – disturbance
- Pleasant Street – officer wanted
- West River Road – missing person
- Spring Street – officer wanted
- Spring Street – suspicious activity
- Creek Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Silvershell Beach – suspicious person.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of April 18, 2004 through April 24, 2004:

- North Street – fire
- County Road – found property
- Industrial Drive – animal control
- North Street – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Hawthorne Street – disturbance
- Route 195 West – suspicious persons
- Marion Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Tinkham Lane – suspicious activity
- Driscoll Lane – missing person
- Ned's Point Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Long Plain Road – brush fire
- County Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- County Road – motor vehicle accident
- Long Plain Road – medical assist
- Fairhaven Road – suspicious person
- Fairhaven Road – domestic disturbance
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident
- County Road – motor vehicle accident
- Centre Drive – suspicious motor vehicle
- Justin Avenue – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Industrial Drive – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – unattended death
- Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle accident
- Hitching Post Road – simple threats
- Prospect Road – motor vehicle

accident

- Brandt Island Road – brush fire
- North Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mattapoisett Road – mutual aid/police
- Acushnet Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Marina Drive – harassing/annoying phone calls
- Route 195 East – adult arrest
- Acushnet Road – fireworks complaint
- Ned's Point Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Reservation Road – shellfish violation.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of April 20, 2004 through April 27, 2004:

- Spring Street – assist other agency
- North Avenue – vandalism
- Marion Road – officer wanted
- Walnut Plain Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Edwards Lane – fire
- Maxim Road – animal control
- Ryder Road – suspicious activity
- County Road – officer wanted
- Ryder Road – suspicious person
- Snipatuit Road – highway matter
- Negus Way – suspicious person
- Pine Street – juvenile arrests: 2 (receiving stolen property under \$250)
- Hartley Road – animal control
- Dexter Lane – assist other agency
- High Street – serve summons
- County Road – assist other agency
- Edwards Lane – suspicious motor vehicle/adult arrest (operating under the influence of liquor)
- North Avenue – suspicious activity
- High Street – officer wanted
- Dexter Lane – suspicious person
- New Bedford Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Cushman Road – officer wanted
- Pine Street – suspicious person/protective custody
- Mattapoisett Road – vandalism
- Morton Road – domestic disturbance
- Dexter Lane – noise complaint
- Braley Hill Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Fearing Hill Road – assist other agency.



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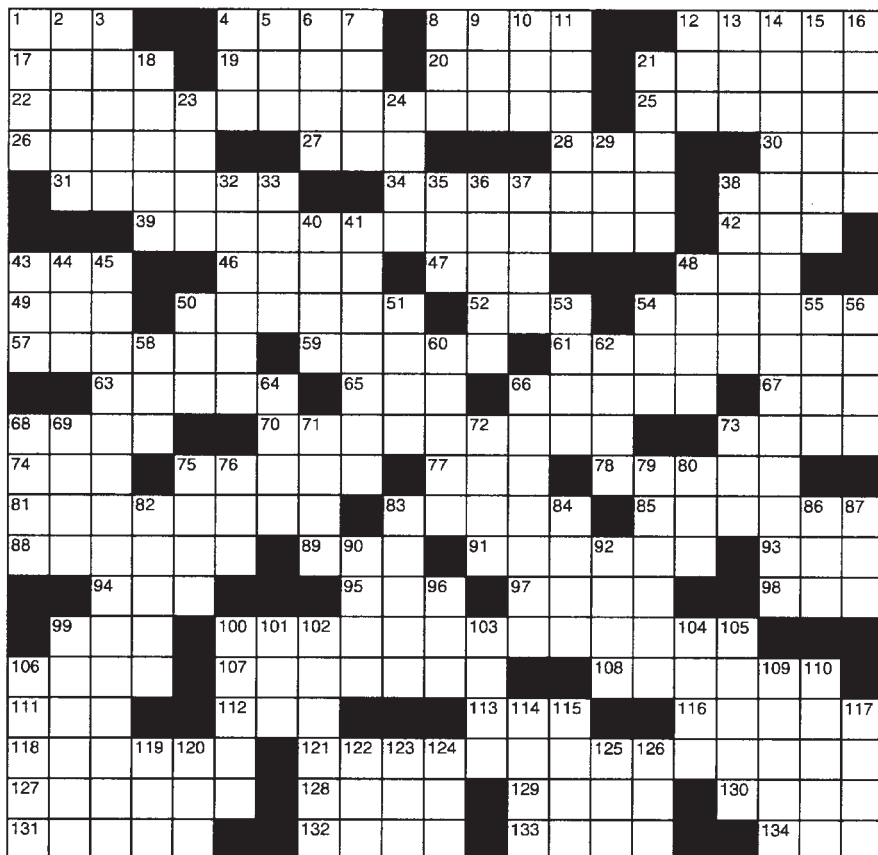
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might need to do a bit more investigating before making a career move. You do best when you come armed with the facts. A personal matter still needs tending to.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your creativity plus your good business sense once more combine to give you an important advantage in a difficult workplace situation. An ally proves his or her loyalty.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Avoid rushing into something just because it offers a break from your usual routine. Take things a step at a time to be sure you're moving in the right direction.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Bouncing back from a disappointing incident isn't easy, but you should find a welcome turn of events emerging. Spend the weekend with someone special.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An incomplete project needs your attention before someone else takes it over and uses it to his or her advantage. There'll be lots of time for fun and games once you get it done.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Doubts involving a potential career change need to be resolved quickly so they don't get in the way when you feel you're finally ready to make the big move.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Looking to blame someone for a workplace problem could backfire if it turns out you've got the wrong "culprit." Best to get more facts before acting on your assumptions.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Patience might still be called for until you're sure you finally have the full story that eluded you up till now. A trusted associate could offer valuable guidance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Look into your recent behavior to see if you could have caused the coolness you might now be sensing from a loved one. If so, apologize and set things straight.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Easing up on your social activities allows you to focus more of your energies on a long-neglected personal matter. You can get back into party mode by the weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A dispute with a colleague can be resolved peacefully once you both agree to be more flexible about the positions you've taken and allow for more open-minded discussions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Volunteering to take on added responsibilities could be a risky way to impress the powers-that-be. Do it only if you're sure you won't be swept away by the extra workload.

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Marion Ham and Bean Supper

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<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF APPEALS CASE #540 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on Thursday, May 20, 2004 in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House. The application of John W. Curley for a Special Permit under section 6.1.3 of the zoning by-law to allow an existing non-conforming shed with an existing set back of 0' to be reconstructed with a 10' setback from the Westside of property line. The property, at 12 Cross Neck Road, is further identified as Assessors' Plan 5 on Lot 16 Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 04/22, 04/29</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF APPEALS CASE #541 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 8:00 PM on Thursday, May 20, 2004 in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House. The application of Alan H. Golblatt for a Special Permit under section 6.1.3 of the zoning by-law to allow extension of non-conforming structure less than required setbacks to add farmers porch and garage. The property, 23 Rezendes Terrace, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 7A Lot 30. Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 04/22, 04/29</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF SELECTMEN Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Board of Selectmen to layout "Seabreeze Lane" as a town way. The Board will consider this layout on Monday, May 3, 2004 at 7:15 PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA. Interested persons are invited to attend. Barry J. Denham, Chair Raymond H. Andrews, Clerk Stephen J. Lombard 04/29</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE MATTAPOISETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS Mattapoisett, Massachusetts LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT Pursuant to Chapter 76, Section 12B of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Mattapoisett School Committee regarding School Choice for the 2004-05 school year at 7:00 PM, on Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at the Old Hammondtown School, Shaw Street, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. 04/29</p> <hr/>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE MARION PUBLIC SCHOOLS Marion, Massachusetts LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT Pursuant to Chapter 76, Section 12B of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Marion School Committee regarding School Choice for the 2004-05 school year at 6:30 PM, on Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at the Sippican School, Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts. 04/29</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 5, 2004 at 7:10 PM in the Town House main conference room on a Notice of Intent submitted by INTER VIVOS TRUST to upgrade an existing septic system to Title 5 standards by installing a new septic tank, pump chamber and leaching field. The project is located at 96 Moorings Road and is further identified as Lot 10B on Marion Assessors' Map 20. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Robert J. Merlino, Chairman 04/29</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE MADEPSERO DIVISION OF WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS Pursuant to U.S.C. 1341 and M.G.L. c. 21 SS 26-53, notice is given of 401 Water Quality Certification application for the "Park Place Subdivision," a proposed eleven lot subdivision by Park Place Associates, PO Box 606 in Mattapoisett, MA on Lot 6, Map 16; in Mattapoisett. Additional information may be obtained from the applicant's agent, Mr. Marc J. Garrett of the Garrett Group, LTD., 280 Black Cat Road in Plymouth, MA 02360, (508) 747-3553. Written comments should be sent to MADEPSERO, Division of Wetlands and Waterways, 20 Riverside Drive in Lakeville, MA 02347 within twenty-one days of this notice. Any group of ten persons, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment who submits written comments may appeal the Department's Certification. Failure to submit written comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. 04/29</p> <hr/>	<p>SPORTS QUIZ By Chris Richcreek</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When Los Angeles' Eric Gagne set the mark in 2003 for consecutive saves to start a season, whose record did he break? 2. Whose one-out single in the ninth inning of Game Six gave the New York Yankees a World Series victory against Brooklyn in 1953? 3. Who was the first NFL player to win back-to-back rushing titles? 4. In men's Division I basketball, Kansas has the longest current streak of first-round victories in the NCAA Tournament with 15. Who has the second-longest streak? 5. How many Toronto Maple Leafs players have won the Hart Trophy (NHL regular-season MVP)? 6. Who were the first brothers to finish 1-2 in an Olympic event? 7. After Tiger Woods won the Masters in 1997, how many majors passed before he won another one? <p>Answers 1. Jose Mesa had 38 consecutive saves for Cleveland in 1995. Gagne finished with 55 consecutive saves. 2. Billy Martin. 3. Bill Paschal of the New York Giants in 1943 and 1944. 4. Kentucky with 13. 5. Babe Pratt in 1944 and Ted Kennedy in 1955. 6. Phil and Steve Mahre were 1-2 in the men's slalom in 1984. 7. Ten. Woods next won the 1999 PGA Championship.</p> <p>(c) 2004 King Features Syndicate</p>

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<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS #863 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Robert Minarik, d/ b/a High Street Mini Storage, under section VIII.D.6. to allow the operation of a business (truck rental) in an agricultural/residential district. Property is located at 72 Old Tuck Bog Road Assessors plan 14 lot 15D. The public hearing is Thursday, May 13, 2004, 8:30 PM, in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Richard J. Manning, Jr., Chairman 04/22, 04/29</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS #858 The Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Roland Grenier, Sr., 37 Old Schoolhouse Road, who is seeking a special permit under section VIII.C.2.d.2. to allow construction of an accessory structure larger than the allowed 1,000 square feet in the front yard area. Property is identified on Assessors maps as plan 21 lot 9. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2004, 7:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way. Richard J. Manning, Jr., Chairman 04/22, 04/29</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS #859 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Steve Schilling, 1129 Walnut Plain Road, who is seeking a special permit under section VIII.D.6. to allow the operation of a business (horseback riding lessons) in an agricultural/residential district. Property is identified on Assessors maps as plan 24 lot 5. the public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2004 at 7:45 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way. Richard J. Manning, Jr., Chairman 04/22, 04/29</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS #861 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Paul Cormier, 147 Sarah Sherman Road, who is seeking variances from sideline setback requirements under section VIII.B. for a pre-existing non-conforming dwelling and to allow an addition to the pre-existing non-conforming dwelling. The property is identified on Assessors maps as plan 28 lot 13A. The public hearing will be held Thursday, May 13, 2004, 8:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Richard J. Manning, Jr., Chairman 04/22, 04/29</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS #862 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of James Camacho, 136 Walnut Plain Road, Assessors plan 11 lot 6G, who is seeking a special permit under section VIII.D.9.a. to allow the construction of an attached garage with an apartment on the second floor and a variance under section VIII.B. from setback requirements. The hearing will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2004, 8:15 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall, One Constitution Way. Richard J. Manning, Jr., Chairman 04/22, 04/29</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 10, 2004 at 9:15 PM to consider amendment to the Zoning By-law relative to the Aquifer Protection Overlay District and the Water Supply Protection District. Complete copy of by-law amendment available for review in the Town Clerk's office. Peter F. Winters, Chairman 04/22, 04/29</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 10, 2004 at 8:30 PM in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the Special Permit application of Louise Racine Bastarache under By-law Section 4.2.G for a General Retail Establishment under 5,000 sq. ft. Property is located at 133 Wareham Road and is further identified as Plat 11, Lot 121. Peter F. Winters, Chairman 04/22, 04/29</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 10, 2004 at 8:00 PM in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the Special Permit application under By-law Section 4.2.G by Marion Pottery Works, LLC for a General Retail Establishment under 5,000 sq. ft. Property is located at 374 Front Street, Unit 2B and is further identified on the Marion Assessors' map as Plat 13 Lot 20. Peter F. Winters, Chairman 04/22, 04/29</p>	<p>Wareham Center: Commercial office space available. Call Jan from Kelly Sol Realty @ 508-763-9270</p> <hr/> <p>WILL CLEAN Attics, Cellars, Barns, etc. for contents and/or small fee. Dump runs also done. Call R. Menard (508) 758-3505</p> <hr/> <p>Will YOUR deck be beautiful and restored for Summer 2004? I will powerwash and refinish your deck. Free estimates gladly given. Full insured. Schedule NOW. The earlier you call, the earlier I can complete your deck. 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The Mattapoisett Annual Town Meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm on May 10, 11 and 12 in the ORR High School Auditorium. The Annual Town Election is Tuesday, May 18, 2004 and will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6. Polls will be open from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Please feel free to call the Town Clerk's office (508-758-4103) if you have any questions.

Art Association Meeting

The Bourne Wareham Art Association will meet on Saturday, May 8 at 12:00 noon at the Wareham Public Library in Wareham. The topics of this meeting will be the nomination and election of officers and the 40th Annual Art Show and Sale to be held on the Onset Bluffs this July. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting. If anyone is interested in becoming a board member please call Frances Riley at 508-295-6567. If you are interested in becoming a member please call Linda

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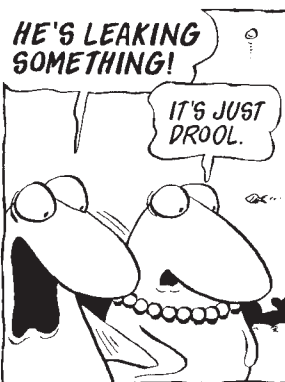
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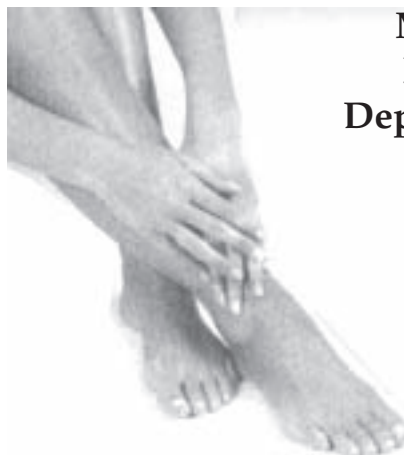
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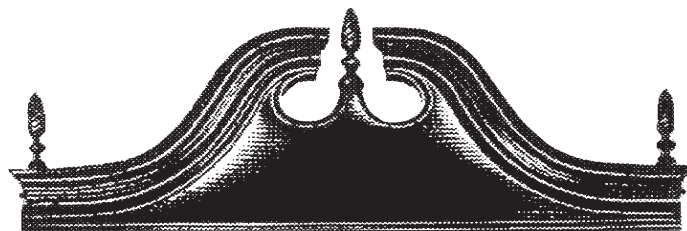
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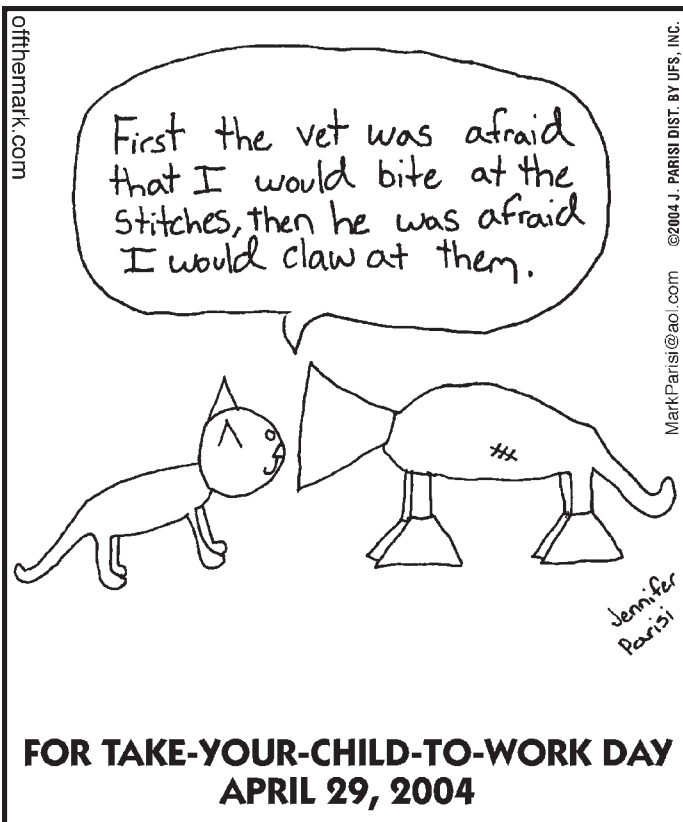
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Date	Day	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
April 29:	Thur.	3:40	4:28	10:23	10:27
April 30:	Fri.	4:43	5:23	11:03	11:22
May 1:	Sat.	5:42	6:13	11:40	...
May 2:	Sun.	6:35	7:01	12:11	12:19
May 3:	Mon.	7:24	7:47	1:00	12:59
May 4:	Tues.	8:13	8:35	1:48	1:41
May 5:	Wed.	9:00	9:23	2:38	2:26
May 6:	Thur.	9:50	10:15	3:27	3:12
May 7:	Fri.	10:43	11:10	4:18	4:00
May 8:	Sat.	11:40	...	5:10	4:51
May 9:	Sun.	12:08	12:38	6:10	5:47
May 10:	Mon.	1:08	1:39	7:31	6:59
May 11:	Tues.	2:09	2:41	9:01	9:14
May 12:	Wed.	3:11	3:43	10:03	10:48
May 13:	Thur.	4:15	4:45	10:48	11:33
May 14:	Fri.	5:15	5:41	11:20	...
May 15:	Sat.	6:09	6:30	12:16	12:01
May 16:	Sun.	6:56	7:14	12:52	12:12

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	Last Quarter	May 11th
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